

RESOLUTION NO. 20210610-040

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has long embraced and welcomed individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds, including large immigrant populations; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is proud to be enriched by its immigrant population who share their rich cultures, increase our productivity and innovation, and bolster our economy; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin upholds the values of inclusion, resilience, healing, liberation, democracy, compassion, solidarity, collective care, and community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin strives to undo the harms caused by our country's racial history and aims to ensure that each and every person who lives or visits our city is treated with dignity, respect and equality under the law; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has previously affirmed its position as a welcoming city that protects the rights of immigrants by passing Resolution Nos. 20130228-034, 20140320-049, 20140626-099, 20141211-125, 20170302-035, 20170518-045, 20171005-034, 20180510-048, and 20180628-124; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has previously supported and called for federal immigration policy grounded in compassion and common sense; and,

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021 the United States House of Representatives introduced the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021, which would provide a path to permanent residence and citizenship for "Dreamers," who are children who came to the United States at a young age and have since built their lives in this

country as adults; and,

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2021 the United States House of Representatives introduced the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021, which would provide undocumented farmworkers, who are invaluable to our country's economy and have lived in this country for years, and their family members with a path to earn citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2021 the United States House of Representatives reintroduced the American Families United Act to address barriers to family unity for U.S. citizens and their spouses and children; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021 the U.S. Conference of Mayors sent a letter to the House of Representatives urging that body to support the passage of the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021 the House of Representatives passed both the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021 and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021 the White House released a statement by President Biden indicating his support for the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021, and commended the House of Representatives for passing that law; and,

WHEREAS, the Biden administration has expressed its interest in working with Congress to enact solutions to help build a humane immigration system grounded in dignity, safety, and fairness leading to a path to citizenship for undocumented individuals in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to protecting its immigrant residents and supporting immigration reform; and,

WHEREAS, a part of the City's 2021 federal legislative agenda calls for the 117th Congress to support policies that keep families together and provide immediate reunification of separated families, as well as legislation that provides comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship for immigrants;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City of Austin recognizes and celebrates the value of immigrants within our community and reaffirms its support for federal legislation that keeps families together and provides comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship for immigrants, including but not limited to persons covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

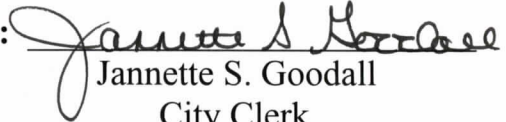
The Council urges the United States Congress to fully pass, and the President to sign into law, the American Families United Act, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021, and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 in order to reform our country's immigration system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Texas delegations in the United States Congress and to the President of the United States.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2021

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk